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Forestry Commission Hires Ornsbey as Service Forester

Philadelphia, MS—Wayne Ornsbey of the Zama Community in Attala County was recently hired as a Service Forester with the Mississippi Forestry Commission. Ornsbey brings twelve years of forestry and natural resource management experience to the Forestry Commission.

As a Service Forester, Ornsbey is responsible for delivering all Forestry Commission programs within his service area, which is primarily Leake County. Commission programs include wildfire protection, Sixteenth Section forest management, and forestry technical assistance and advice provided to private landowners.

Ornsbey works under the direct supervision of Bruce Frasier, District Forester of the Forestry Commission's East Central District, which is headquartered in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Ornsbey graduated from Mississippi State University in 1997 with a degree in Forestry. While attending Mississippi State, he also worked with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers at Enid and Grenada Lakes. After graduating from Mississippi State, Ornsbey worked as a Service Forester with the Mississippi Forestry Commission in Noxubee and Attala Counties before going to work with the Arkansas Forestry Commission as a County Forester.

Wayne Ornsbey and his wife Stephanie have one son, Cody age eight, and two six-year-old daughters, Autumn and Amber.

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The Mississippi Forestry Commission asks that you **Don't Burn on Windy Days**. Check with local officials for burn ban information.